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In re Application of:)

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METHYLATION PATTERNS IN)
GENOMIC DNA SAMPLES)

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RESPONSE AFTER FINAL REJECTION

In response to the final Office Action dated September 26, 2002, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the above-identified patent application in view of the remarks below.

REMARKS

No claims have been canceled, amended or added herein. Therefore, claims 1-24 are under active consideration.

Claims 1-5 and 7-23 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) "over Herman et al. (U.S. Patent 6,265,171 B1) (July 24, 2001) in view of Koster (U.S. Patent 5,605,798) (February 25, 1997)." In support of the rejection, the Patent Office contends, among other things, (i) that Herman et al. teaches steps (a) through (e) of the method of claim 1; and (ii) that Koster "teaches a method wherein

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